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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN VIEWS ON OAS MATTERS

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1. IN THE COURSE OF AN APRIL 2 MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIERS, ALVARO BONILLA, CTING UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZAA TIONS AND CONFERENCES, OUTLINED GOC ATTITUDES ON SEVERAL OAS MATTERS.

2. BONILLA STATED THAT THE GOC WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PANAMAIAN AND COSTA RICAN PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES AND SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WAS PLEASED THAT THE US ALSO SUPPORTED SUCH INITIATIVES CAPACITY AND TO CUT BACK SPEECH-MAKING TO A MORE REASONABLE LEVEL. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOC WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING THE OUTLOOK FOR CHARTER REFORM OR FOR A TRULY EFFECTIVE SESSION OF THE GENRAL ASSEMBLY.

4. IN REGARD TO CANIDACIES FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, BONILLA SAID THAT THE GOC WOULD REEXAMINE THAT QUESTION WHEN THE OUTLOOK FOR CHARTER REFORM WAS CLEARER. HE SAID THAT THE CANDIDACIES SHOULD BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE.

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HE POINT OUT THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A GREATER EXECUTIVE ROLE

FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THERE WAS LITTLE POINT IN FILLING THE
POST WITH A PRESITGIOUS POLITICAL FIGURE. BONILLA SAID THAT THE
GOC DID NOT SEE ANY REALLY STRONG CANDIDATE IN THE FIELD AT
PRESENT.
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